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1. "Considerable unrest caused by attacks of armed bands coming from Mongolia took place in February and the beginning of March 1953 in the frontier belt of the Buryat-Mongol Autonomous S.S.R.
2. "At the beginning of February several armed bands of Mongols crossed the frontier in the area of Chikoy and Irkut [Irkutsk??]. They attacked a Frontier Guard post of 20 MVD men, wiping it out completely. In mid-February reinforced detachments of the MVD Frontier Guards were constantly engaged in skirmishes with the raiders. The bands are said to have been composed of deserters from the army of the Mongolian National Republic. They were reinforced by a steady flow of inmates of ITL (Corrective Labor) camps, who were fleeing from quarries and graphite mines in the Tuva Autonomous Oblast, on the Mongolian border.
3. "At the beginning of March a band of about 300 Mongols operated in the area of Chikoy, near the road leading from Ulan-Ude to Ulan-Bator (in Mongolia), and also along the Orkhon River. The band attacked a large road-building base, pilfered the food store, took all the arms and ammunition and killed the MVD guards in a skirmish. During the skirmish an inspecting officer of the MVD, (fnu) Tsizinov was also killed. He had been sent from Ulan-Ude to supervise the resistance against the 'insurgent bands'. The band took off with them about 200 Soviet prisoners who had been working at the base.
4. "To counteract the anti-Soviet feelings which began to manifest themselves over these incidents special teams of agitators from the Prop-Agit Department at Ulan-Ude were sent under the protection of MVD detachments to the troubled areas. One such team was seized by a band in the beginning of March. Its whole equipment, including a radio transmitting station, was captured. This station is now operating from some clandestine point. It broadcasts anti-Soviet propaganda programs. The station has offered a sum of 50,000 rubles as reward for the head of the chief of the Prop-Agit Dept. (fnu) Azgibekov, whom it calls a 'traitor to the Mongol peoples'."

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